

## Nevada Child Care and Development Program

### American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Quarterly Report for Child Care

#### State Fiscal Year (SFY) 24 Quarter 1: July 1, 2023 – September 30, 2023

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Child Care Provider Stabilization Grants</b>
<b>Project Summary</b>	Nevada was awarded over \$222 million to stabilize the child care system and market throughout the COVID-19 Pandemic. Grants were awarded to 786 licensed and license-exempt, registered providers/child care sites (final data) and were paid out in two (2) six-month allotments with all final payments made in June 2023. All first allotments were paid in SFY22.
<b>Funding Status</b>	Project Total Obligated = \$216,498,701 SFY24 Q1 Expended = \$396,903 Cumulative Project Spending (SFYs 22-24) = \$216,498,701 (100%)
<b>Outcomes and Metrics</b>	Cumulative Metrics (SFY22-SFY24): \$216,498,701 (this amount represents 97.3% of the total allocated for operating/stabilization grants; the remaining 2.7% supported quality improvement activities) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 299 Licensed Centers received a total of \$190,659,037. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Average award = \$628,523</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 288 Family, Friend, Neighbor (FFN) providers have received a total of \$4,070,160. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Average award = \$14,133</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 87 Family Child Care (FCC) and 32 Group FCC providers have received a total of \$6,397,866. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Average award = \$53,764</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 13 Out of School Time providers representing 80 individual sites have received a total of \$15,371,638. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Average award (across the 13 providers) = \$1,182,434/provider</li> <li>○ Average award (across the 80 sites) = \$192,145/site</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Grants to Community-Based Organizations (CBOs)</b>
<b>Project Summary</b>	The Children’s Cabinet, through their management of the Nevada Strong Start Child Care Services Centers (CCSC), is providing subawards ranging from \$60,000 - \$95,000 each to five (5) Nevada CBOs: REACH LV, Sunrise Children’s Foundation, Obodo, Community Chest, Inc., and Black Wall Street. CBOs are assisting with outreach and engagement of parents/families in underserved and underrepresented populations.
<b>Funding Status</b>	Project Total after budget redirects = \$391,950 SFY24 Q1 Expended = \$132,500 Cumulative Project Spending (May 2022 – Sept 2023) = \$344,530 (88%)
<b>Outcomes and Metrics</b>	From July 1 - September 30, 2023: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All CBO contracts have been amended to extend to September 30, 2023.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CBOs participated in ongoing discussions on ways to enhance the Nevada Early Childhood Family Leadership Council (NECFLC) &amp; Community Health Worker (CHW) partnerships.</li> </ul> <p>Cumulative CBO Metrics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• # of families/children reached through project activities = 8,251</li> <li>• # of license-exempt (kith and kin) providers identified/reached through project activities = 224</li> <li>• # of unique referrals made by CBOs to early childhood supports/services = 3,078</li> </ul>
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<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Wonderschool Partnership</b>
<b>Project Summary</b>	<p>Wonderschool is a funded, housed partner in the Nevada Strong Start CCSCs. They are helping Family, Friend, Neighbor (FFN) providers to become licensed Family Child Care providers, thereby expanding child care availability statewide and improving provider’s own economic stability. This assistance includes recruiting, training, and supporting the early childhood workforce to enter the field in a licensed capacity. Funding is for two (2) years to support up to 190 existing home-based providers and recruit an additional 100 providers, to increase capacity, and to improve business services, automation, and quality.</p>
<b>Funding Status</b>	<p>Project Total after budget redirects = \$2,960,954  SFY24 Q1 Expended = \$371,975  Cumulative Project Spending SFY23 – Q1 SFY24 = \$2,960,954 (100%)</p>
<b>Outcomes and Metrics</b>	<p>Provider training and supports given to interested individuals from July 1 – September 30, 2023:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 217 Academy Participants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 43 Academy Graduates</li> <li>○ 55 Participants Dropped Out of Program</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 146 1:1 Coaching Sessions Completed</li> <li>• 46 Webinar Attendees (August &amp; September only)</li> <li>• 975 total Child Care Management System (CCMS) Licenses claimed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 374 total CCMS Licenses with active usage for Family Child Care/Group Child Care/Family, Friend, and Neighbor providers</li> <li>○ 59 total CCMS Licenses with active usage for Child Care Centers</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 12 providers enrolled in the Licensing Pathway (September only) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 2 providers completed licensure.</li> <li>○ 4 providers have applied for licensure.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 36 new child care slots created for birth to 5-year-olds by newly licensed Family Child Care/Group Child Care providers</li> </ul>

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Candelen Kith &amp; Kin Partnership</b>
<b>Project Summary</b>	Candelen is a funded, housed partner in the Nevada Strong Start CCSCs. They provide a locally staffed network who provides trainings, resources, supplies, and networking opportunities to Kith & Kin providers who don't care for enough children to require licensure and who are not receiving federal subsidy payments to improve quality and offer business supports. They are working in collaboration with the CBOs to recruit Kith & Kin providers to become registered FFNs who can receive federal subsidy payments. They also work with Wonderschool to identify Kith & Kin providers who may be ready and able to become licensed FCCs.
<b>Funding Status</b>	Project Total after budget redirects = \$1,068,978 SFY24 Q1 Expended = \$314,096 Cumulative Project Spending SFY23 – Q1 SFY24 = \$1,068,978 (100%)
<b>Outcomes and Metrics</b>	From July 1 – September 30, 2023: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continued efforts to obtain new partnerships in local communities.</li> <li>Onboarding new Community Engagement Coordinators to support recruitment and retention of participants.</li> <li>Continued attending community events in both Washoe and Clark County</li> <li>85 total FFNs served.</li> <li>78 total children served</li> </ul>

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Licensed Child Care Provider Start-Up Grants</b>
<b>Project Summary</b>	To build licensed child care capacity statewide, the Children’s Cabinet is managing a grant program to assist those already in the process of opening a licensed Center or FCC/Group FCC with start-up costs approved by the Administration of Children and Families (ACF), including but not limited to licensing and permitting fees, classroom materials, and some furnishings. Funds are awarded on a case-by-case basis and will vary based on the provider type and county where business will be conducted. Awards for licensed Centers have been allocated \$3,000,000 and may apply for up to \$100,000 and awards for FCCs/Group FCCs have been allocated \$1,000,000 and may apply for up to \$50,000.
<b>Funding Status</b>	Project Total after budget redirects = \$3,156,164 SFY24 Q1 Expended = \$792,627 Cumulative Project Spending SFY23 – Q1 SFY24 = \$3,156,164 (100%)
<b>Outcomes and Metrics</b>	From July 1 – September 30, 2023: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>28 applications received.</li> <li>\$671,810 awarded to Northern Nevada provider start-ups.</li> <li>\$290,082 awarded to Southern Nevada provider start-ups.</li> <li>Average award amount = \$64,125</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total slots created = 1,476 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ North/Rural = 944</li> <li>○ South = 532</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Cumulative Data (SFY 22 – Q1 SFY24):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Northern Nevada start-up grant awardees received \$2,519,981 with an average award amount of \$97,837.</li> <li>• Southern Nevada start-up grant awardees received \$1,718,253 with an average award amount of \$38,600.</li> <li>• The average amount awarded to new Center-based providers was \$114,167.</li> <li>• The average amount awarded to new Family Child Care providers was \$11,207.</li> <li>• The average amount awarded to new Group Family Child Care providers was \$19,296.</li> <li>• The average amount awarded to new Out-of-School Time providers was \$22,710.</li> <li>• Total Slots created = 3,775 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ North/Rural = 2,256</li> <li>○ South = 1,519</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Nevada Strong Start Child Care Services Centers (CCSCs)</b>
<b>Project Summary</b>	The CCSCs consist of two (2) physical sites in Las Vegas and Reno and a virtual site at <a href="https://nevadaccsc.org">https://nevadaccsc.org</a> . The CCSCs serve as network hubs for child care providers of all types and their staff to access support, resources, technical assistance, training and professional development, and shared services and business supports to help them open, operate, and sustain their child care center/home. Multiple public and private/nonprofit provider support partner organizations are collaborating to best serve providers by locating together in one shared location.
<b>Funding Status</b>	Project Total after budget redirects = \$3,563,603 SFY24 Q1 Expended = \$1,495,230 Cumulative Project Spending SFY23 – Q1 SFY24 = \$3,563,603 (100%)
<b>Outcomes and Metrics</b>	From July 1 – September 30, 2023: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Las Vegas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 12 families visited.</li> <li>○ 141 providers visited.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Reno <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 44 families visited.</li> <li>○ 167 providers visited.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Statewide virtual visitors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 3,566 visits to nevadaccsc.org</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Employer Support and Consultation</b>
<b>Project Summary</b>	The Children’s Cabinet’s Business Consultation and Technical Assistance Coordinators work with local business leaders, Chambers, economic development authorities, and others to address the child care needs of the workforce. Strategies shared

	with employers include creating capacity by supporting an on-site child care center; funding contracted slots for employees at local child care centers or providers of their choice; and/or providing child care stipends/benefits directly to employees.
<b>Funding Status</b>	Project Total after budget redirects = \$294,971 SFY24 Q1 Expended = \$64,464 Cumulative Project Spending SFY23 – Q1 SFY24 = \$294,971 (100%)
<b>Outcomes and Metrics</b>	From July 1 – September 30, 2023: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 events attended/presentations given.</li> <li>• 20 employers receiving technical assistance.</li> <li>• 17 TA hours</li> </ul>

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Nevada Youth First Pilot Project</b>
<b>Project Summary</b>	<p>To increase child care workforce capacity by recruiting eligible, interested youth/young adults to obtain the skills necessary for employment in child care programs. This funding will support the existing Nevada Youth First (NYF) project by providing stipends to participants for enrollment and training, as well as to establish and implement a cohort training module with UNR Extension to meet the specific needs of the participant population.</p> <p>NYF provided stipends for participants actively employed in the early childhood care educator field. Specifically, participants received a stipend (incentive) of \$500/month for up to four months of continuous employment and one \$500 payment for completion of the Spiral-Up program. Participants actively participating in Spiral-Up who were unemployed but seeking employment received \$250 for up to two months, and once they were employed were eligible for the \$500/month employment stipend for up to three months.</p> <p>All enrolled participants were provided with wraparound support services: transportation (gas cards/bus passes), clothing, work cards, rental assistance, telehealth benefits, and any other services that Workforce Connections could provide to reduce/eliminate barriers to retaining employment status.</p>
<b>Funding Status</b>	<p>After starting late in SFY22, the Pilot has been restructured for SFY23 and the launch delayed. Staff continue to try to recruit participants and child care centers to employ them.</p> <p>SFY23 Project Total = \$967,436 SFY24 Q1 Expended = \$469,270 Cumulative Project Spending SFY23 – Q1 SFY24 = \$772,997 (80%)</p>
<b>Outcomes and Metrics</b>	<p>Program Metrics for SFY23 – Q1 SFY 24:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 83 participants enrolled (\$250,121 was spent on wraparound services) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 56 received laptops to be able to participate in/complete the Spiral-Up coursework.</li> <li>○ 6 received assistance in paying for training costs.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 52 received employment-related clothing assistance.</li> <li>○ 74 received transportation assistance.</li> <li>○ 59 received food assistance.</li> <li>○ 31 received rental assistance.</li> <li>○ 19 received utilities assistance.</li> <li>○ 1 received assistance paying for vehicle repairs.</li> <li>● 78 participants received all or partial stipend payments (\$204,425 paid out in stipends).</li> <li>● 71 participants successfully completed the Spiral-Up program.</li> <li>● Workforce Connections and HELP of Southern Nevada tabled at over 20 community events to recruit participants and held four (4) Spiral-Up program orientations.</li> </ul>
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<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Child Care Staff Stipends Incentive Program</b>
<b>Project Summary</b>	The Child Care Staff Stipends Incentive Program is providing financial incentives to child care providers who are active members of <a href="#">The Nevada Registry</a> (currently required for all staff working in licensed programs) working in qualified programs at the time of application. The Nevada Association for the Education of Young Children (NevAEYC) will provide direct payments to applicants upon verification of employment in the child care sector.
<b>Funding Status</b>	Project Total after budget redirects = \$8,368,494 SFY24 Q1 Expended = \$2,712,764 Cumulative Project Spending SFY23 – Q1 SFY24 = \$8,345,881 (99.7% expended)
<b>Outcomes and Metrics</b>	Through 9/30/2023: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 6,266 total stipend applications received. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Carson City: 168</li> <li>○ Churchill: 33</li> <li>○ Clark: 4,033</li> <li>○ Douglas: 89</li> <li>○ Elko: 108</li> <li>○ Humboldt: 28</li> <li>○ Lander: 17</li> <li>○ Lyon: 150</li> <li>○ Mineral: 5</li> <li>○ Nye: 47</li> <li>○ Pershing: 9</li> <li>○ Storey: 8</li> <li>○ Washoe: 1,509</li> <li>○ White Pine: 42</li> <li>○ Out-of-State: 20</li> </ul> </li> <li>● 5,808 total applications approved.</li> <li>● 458 applications denied/withdrew</li> </ul>

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Child Care System Fiscal/Cost Modeling Analysis</b>
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<b>Project Summary</b>	The Children’s Cabinet has identified a qualified subject matter expert consultant to conduct an in-depth fiscal/cost modeling analysis to determine the fiscal impact and programmatic impacts on children/families of restructuring Nevada’s subsidy reimbursement system to reflect the cost of providing quality child care compared to continuing to use an annual Market Rate Survey to determine subsidy payment rates. This project is being continued through the end of SFY24 using ARPA Discretionary funding.
<b>Funding Status</b>	Project Total after budget redirects = \$569,860 SFY24 Q1 Expended = \$166,825 Cumulative Project Funding SFY23 – Q1 SFY24 = \$569,860 (100%)
<b>Outcomes and Metrics</b>	Metrics to be presented in the final report ( <b>will be published in 2024</b> ) include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cost to serve increase in % of need.</li> <li>• Cost to serve at cost of care regionally.</li> <li>• Cost if copay set to 7% of income for all applicable households.</li> <li>• Cost if increase income limit to 85% SMI for all applicable households.</li> <li>• Develop plan to restructure waitlist to allow all available purposes of care.</li> <li>• Completed analysis with cost of quality alternative rate identified and total amount for the State Child Care Subsidy Program to utilize an alternative rate instead of the market rate.</li> </ul>

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Child Care Marketing/Outreach Campaign</b>
<b>Project Summary</b>	<a href="#">Purdue Marion</a> was chosen via RFP to conduct an extensive, statewide communication, public education, and outreach campaign directed at parents of young children to connect them to family supports and resources in their community. The campaign will also help child care providers connect with parents and share information on best practices and related resources to support quality care and development/early education programs for young children.
<b>Funding Status</b>	Project Total after budget redirects = \$3,104,218 SFY24 Q1 Expended = \$1,312,260 Cumulative Project Funding SFY23 – Q1 SFY24 = \$3,104,218 (100%)
<b>Outcomes and Metrics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Nevada Child Care Fund Year 2 Campaign messaging, “Give me 5,” has been presented and accepted as the slogan by the outreach advisory group.</li> <li>• Aligning outreach efforts and messaging with the Preschool Development Block Grant – Birth to 5 projects being led by the Nevada Department of Education.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Year One Final Outreach Report</a></li> </ul>

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Early Childhood Community Health Worker Project (EC-CHWs)</b>
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<b>Project Summary</b>	CHWs who have received an Early Childhood Education (ECE) Endorsement through the <a href="#">NV Community Health Worker Association</a> are providing health education, technical assistance, assessments, mental health resources and referrals for child care providers (organization/curriculum related), teachers, children, and families (assessments, mental health resources, provider referrals, system navigation, etc.). EC-CHWs receive specific training in early childhood mental health, developmental assessments, nutrition education, and resource/referral navigation to support both providers and families to ensure the healthy development of young children. This began as a Pilot Project with seven (7) EC-CHW participants in SFY22 and was expanded to include 16 EC-CHWs in SFY23.
<b>Funding Status</b>	Project Total after budget redirects = \$1,537,508 SFY24 Q1 Expended = \$379,380 Cumulative Project Funding SFY23 – Q1 SFY24 = \$1,397,828 (91%)
<b>Outcomes and Metrics</b>	From July 1 – September 30, 2023: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 587 community services/social support referrals made to families.</li> <li>• 939 community services/social support referrals made to child care providers/staff</li> </ul>

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Grants to Local Early Childhood Advisory Committees (ECAC)</b>
<b>Project Summary</b>	This project began in SFY22 and includes annual grants for two (2) years to each local Early Childhood Advisory Council (8 in total). Local ECACs submitted grant proposals to improve provider quality, improve provider capacity, and/or increase access to quality programs for local families. The purpose is to create system alignment between the <a href="#">Nevada ECAC Strategic Plan</a> and the DHHS Child Care and Development Program with a focus on addressing local needs and resources by funding and partnering with local organizations. Each local ECAC grant will be unique to meet the needs of that community. Metrics will be established with each organization based on their plan.
<b>Funding Status</b>	Project Total after budget redirects = \$169,969 SFY23 Expended = \$98,972 Cumulative Project Funding SFY23 – Q1 SFY24 = \$169,969 (100%)
<b>Outcomes and Metrics</b>	Each local ECAC conducted project activities supporting five (5) counties and 15 Tribes. All five (5) funded local ECACs are participating in Nevada ECAC meetings and on subcommittees, either by calling in or by submitting written reports. From July 1 – September 30, 2023: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20 Washoe County PreK &amp; K teachers participating in transition events.</li> <li>• 39 community partners participated in early childhood events.</li> <li>• 500 parents/families participated in early childhood events with the desired outcome to increase engagement &amp; alignment of local ECACs with the statewide ECAC to support common goals.</li> </ul>